



Sarah Johnson

September 29, 1941 - May 25, 2024

Sarah (Sally) Johnson (82) is dancing on the streets that are golden with Ken Johnson. Her daughters, Karna Johnson, and Kara (David) Kuneli were by her side as she peacefully entered Heaven following a stroke. She'll be remembered by Jennifer, Melissa, Daniel, Steven (Adrianna), and Kristianna Kuneli as a grandmother who celebrated each child's individuality.

Thelma (Peg) and Ralph (R.O.) Brown raised Sarah in Brimfield, OH with her beloved brother Jim, (Colorado Springs). Sarah is a descendant of four Mayflower Pilgrims and several Revolutionary War Patriots (Jim is still counting). A social butterfly, Sarah was active as a girl at Kent State High School (1959), Methodist Youth Fellowship and various service organizations.

By the time she met Ken, a student at Kent State University, Sarah was a part-time beauty queen, secretary to a Kent State VIP and cruised around in her '57 Chevy convertible. There are legends, and then there is the story of how they met. They fell madly in love and married; their romance deepened for 56 years.

As a young couple they lived in Evanston and East Lansing before setting in East Grand Rapid with their daughters. Sarah's creativity made her an extraordinary homemaker, hostess and mother. She was a skilled seamstress, avid gardener, exceptional cook and amateur interior decorator. Sarah later

shared her knowledge with others in her Apples of Gold course. Imparting these skills and values to her daughters was a central focus for Sarah, but she gave Kara and Karna a gift more vital than practical lessons; she mentored them in their Christian journeys throughout her life and prayed for them constantly.

Always on trend, Sarah embraced the Jesus Movement of the 1970s and became a dedicated follower of Christ. Until her death, she remained committed to Jesus, prayed without ceasing and served the Lord by serving His people. Sarah's work with post-war Vietnamese refugees (Fifth Reformed Church, Grand Rapids), was especially impactful. Sarah was blessed that many of them remain extended family to the Johnsons.

Eventually settling in Holland, (1994) Sarah and Ken built their home with dedicated space to host survivors of tragedy, transitioning missionaries and others in need. It also became a hub of church meetings as they became engaged in leadership at Lakeshore Vineyard Christian Church. Countless people experienced God's love in a tangible way while staying with the Johnsons. Sarah would have told you she was only a vessel of the Father, but she continuously rose to the occasion and her talent was matched to this calling.

Sarah loved Ken with great devotion. Their deep abiding love for each other made their marriage an example to many. They traveled the globe for romance, exploration, skiing and missions. Favorites include Leelanau County and Colorado where they connected with God's glorious creation.

Now, because of Him who united them, they're reunited and will live happily FOREVER after.

Visit the family Sunday, June 16, from 4-7 PM at Langeland Sterenberg

Funeral Home, 315 16th St Holland MI 49423.

Celebration of Life Monday, June 17, 1 PM at Lakeshore Vineyard Church,
710 Central Ave. Holland MI 49423.

Donations may be made to Sarah's most recent interest, The Come and See
Foundation, (The Chosen) bringing Jesus to the masses. Website for The
Come and See Foundation: <https://bit.ly/42jVLSY>.

www.langelandsterenberg.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home
315 East 16th Street
Holland, MI 49423

Celebration of Life

JUN 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Lakeshore Vineyard Church
710 Central Ave.
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall

MM

“ Sarah is forever in my heart. She took me under her wing when God led me to Lakeshore Vineyard. She always made me feel special and her deep love of God inspired me to move forward in all God has.

Maria Moreno - June 21, 2024 at 07:08 AM

KK

Thank you, Maria. (Kara)

kara kuneli - June 25, 2024 at 12:41 PM

LM

“ Love, Rhino & Maggie purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sarah Johnson.



Love, Rhino & Maggie - June 15, 2024 at 11:45 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sarah Johnson.



June 15, 2024 at 09:04 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Sarah Johnson.



June 13, 2024 at 02:37 PM



“ We were one of the missionary families Ken and Sarah hosted many times! She prayed with us and for us, helped me during counseling prayer in a difficult time and was such a blessing in our lives. Our prayers are with you as you walk thru the valley of the shadow of death...Fear no evil for He is with you! Blessings from Spain, Terry and Marilyn Day

Marilyn K. Day - June 11, 2024 at 11:25 AM



Blessed sister will be missed.

Barry - June 12, 2024 at 08:09 AM



Thank you, Terry and Marilyn. (kara)

kara kuneli - June 25, 2024 at 12:42 PM



Thank you, Barry. (kara)

kara kuneli - June 25, 2024 at 12:43 PM

BT

“ Sarah was inspiring to me and Simone when newly married and contemplating a life of ministry. Every time we met she took time to invite me into a deeper awareness of what God might be doing... and to joy.

- Benjamin and Simone Tennant

Benjamin Tennant - June 11, 2024 at 09:50 AM

KK

Thank you, Ben and Simone. (kara)

kara kuneli - June 25, 2024 at 12:43 PM

AS

“ We, Arnie and Shirley Snoeyink , are thankful for your parents: for your Dad's work as an audiologist and your Mom's leadership in Bible Study Fellowship. Our sympathy to you, Karna and Kara, you have good memories. Sincerely, Arnie and Shirley Snoeyink Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Arnie Snoeyink - June 10, 2024 at 08:54 PM

LV

Sarah and I had such wonderful times of intercession together. The Presence of God was in our midst and it was so special. She will always have a soft spot in my heart.

Lisah Vanderiet - June 12, 2024 at 12:22 PM

KK

Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Snoeyink. (kara)

kara kuneli - June 25, 2024 at 12:50 PM

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Thank you, Lisah. (kara)

kara kuneli - June 25, 2024 at 12:50 PM

JF

“ I will always treasure the monthly Tuesdays I spent in Sarah and Ken's sitting room. She and I shared what the Lord was doing in our lives, read the Word together, cried together, held hands and hugged and prayed together. I admired her heart of worship and journaling! She was so humble. We'd be sharing, and she would frequently stop me and make me repeat what I'd just said so she could write it down. She was always looking for nuggets to write in her journal. She had a way of helping me dig deeper. Ken was such a gracious man and always made me feel welcome in their home. The hospitality they freely shared touched so many in so many ways over the years. Only the Lord can measure the true value of that. I love you, my sweet sister-in-Christ and will always be grateful Father allowed me to be a small part of your life. I look forward to seeing you soon. We can dance and fly flags together in His glorious presence! June Fillar

June Fillar - June 09, 2024 at 06:52 PM

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Thank you, June. (kara)

kara kuneli - June 25, 2024 at 12:51 PM